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SUBJECT: BDG'S ATTITUDE ON TALKS

1. DURING DECEMBER 20 CALL BY CHARGE, ADDITIONAL FOREIGN SECRETARY FAKHRUDDIN AHMED, RECENTLY RETURNED FROM THE UN, WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO DISCREDIT THE IDEA THAT DE FACTO RECOGNITION BY PAKISTAN WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO BDG. AHMED SAID THAT DE FACTO RECOGNITION WAS REVERSIBLE; DE JURE RECOGNITION WAS NOT. HE ADDED THAT WHILE SOME FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS SAW POSSIBILITIES IN THE FORMULA OF SIMULTANEOUS RECOGNITION AND TALKS, AHMED HIMSELF "DID NOT KNOW THE MIND OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER" ON THIS POINT.

2. BDG HAS NOT BEEN INVITED YET TO THE ISLAMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE AND DOES NOT KNOW IF IT WOULD BE. IN THE ABSENCE OF RECOGNITION, HOWEVER, BDG WOULD FIND IT AWKWARD TO SEND A REP TO PAKISTAN. AHMED IMPLIED THAT THE PROBLEM WOULD POSSIBLY BE SOLVED BY ANOTHER POSTPONEMENT OF THE CONFERENCE.

3. AHMED APPEARED UNCONCERNED ABOUT THE COMMENTS OF BHUTTO IN
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HIS INTERVIEW WITH KULDIP NAYAR AND OF AZIZ AHMED IN THE PAKISTAN

PARLIAMENT, COMMENTING ONLY THAT BOTH FOLLOWED THE FAMILIAR PAKISTANI PATTERN OF TAILORING REMARKS FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION. AHMED CHOSE NOT TO RESPOND TO THE CHARGE'S REMARK THAT AZIZ HAD IMPLIED THAT (1) AMNESTY OF COLLABORATORS HAD BEEN A PRECONDITION TO RECOGNITION AND (2) THAT SOME MOVEMENT ON THE POW ISSUE WAS IMMINENT.

4. AHMED COMMENTED THAT REPATRIATION WAS PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY. THE FEW SNAGS THAT HAD DEVELOPED WERE NOT IMPORTANT.

5. COMMENT: AHMED IN HIS COMMENTS WAS GUARDED BUT NOT NEGATIVE. ALTHOUGH NOTHING HE SAID SUPPORTS IT SPECIFICALLY, STILL AHMED CONVEYED AN AIR OF EXPECTANCY, THE IMPRESSION THAT SOMETHING MAY WELL BE GOING ON WHICH WOULD AFFECT THE RECOGNITION-TRIALS IMPASSE. HE REFRAINED, HOWEVER, FROM INDICATING WHETHER OR NOT GOP HAD RESPONDED TO HIS UN INITIATIVE.
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